

CONDENSED FOR BUSY PEOPLE.

At the customs department it is learned the regulations established last spring for the convenience of United States bicyclists visiting Canada with their wheels have worked well, and that of the thousands of American wheelmen who visited the Dominion this year, less than half a dozen cases have been reported in which

The Turkish special tribunal in session at Constantinople, has sentenced the Armenian bishop, at Hasekekin, to death. The bishop was condemned to death because during the late riots in Constantinople, a loaded revolver was found in his house. The bishop was absent from the city at the time, and from this point an appeal was taken against the judgment of the special tribunal, but the court of appeal confirmed the sentence. The Armenian bishop at Bitlis and a number of Musulmans have been arrested in Constantinople for plotting against the sultan.

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The greatest interest, however, centers in the museum of Masonic curiosities and antiquities. In this collection can be found the gold trowel used by Benjamin Franklin while master of the lodge in Pennsylvania, preserved by Franklin lodge of New York state and presented by that body to the museum. A model of the obelisk, made under the direction of

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THE WESTERN WORLD.

ITEMS SHORT AND INTERESTING.

A Resume of the Events of the Week—
Prominent People, Their
Sayings and Doings.

The body of an elderly man has been found near Roster.

It was thirty degrees below zero at Field, B. C. the other day.

Dr. R. F. Hay, of Calgary, N. W. T., died recently at Canmore.

The Northwest Territories are asking for constitutional government.

Rossland will ask the provincial parliament next session to give it self government as a city.

Hon. J. D. Cameron will succeed Hon. Mr. Sifton as attorney-general of the province of Manitoba.

From Banff to Glacier, a distance of 390 miles, there is seven feet of snow along the line of the C. P. R.

Rossland, Golden, Fort Steele, and Edmonton are made permanent outposts of entry by the customs department.

A movement is on foot by the city clergymen to suppress gambling and other vices in the city of Winnipeg.

Adam McKay, of Prince Albert, lost three of his fingers while at work in the C. P. R. round house at Medicine Hat.

On Dec. 15, municipal polling day, the electors of South Norfolk will vote on a local option by law, under the provisions of the liquor license act.

It is reported that the W. J. Gage Co., the large wholesale stationers and publishers, of Toronto, are about to hold a western house in Winnipeg.

It is said on good authority, that the Hon. J. G. McClellan, judge of the supreme court of British Columbia, will send in his resignation shortly.

A few nights since the safe in the Northwest Mounted Police Barracks was burglarized and \$320 stolen from it. No one has yet been found to the perpetrators.

Francis F. Furlong, of Baile, Mont., a celebrated mining engineer, was drowned at Vancouver while trying to cross the bay for the purpose of examining some mines for English capitalists.

Fred J. Bawell claimed damages before the exchequer court for injuries sustained by a carriage accident in Banff National park. Judge Burridge dismissed the case, holding the government not liable.

At Prince Albert the other week, a man employed on the C. P. R. repair gang, fell from the top of a water tank and was rendered unconscious for some time. He will likely recover, but he had a narrow escape.

John Pownall, a little German boy, quartered at the immigration sheds, Winnipeg, was seriously injured by falling from one of the corridors to the floor beneath. His skull was fractured and small hope is entertained of his recovery.

A terrible explosion of 150 pounds of dynamite occurred at the Round Hill mine six miles east of Illecillewaet, B. C., the property of Messrs. Potts and McCallum. Two men, Charles Berger and Chris Miller, were blown to atoms. Miller was a single man. Berger leaves a wife and seven children.

Proposals will immediately be made to the city council of Vancouver for setting up a smelter and refinery in that city. A municipal bonus of \$150,000 will, it is reported, be asked. There is a strong feeling in the city that the amount sought is excessive and it will probably have to be reduced greatly, if the proposal is to carry the taxpayers' vote.

Extensive changes are to take place in the police staff at Prince Albert. Supt. Moffat shortly goes to Battleford, and afterwards to Maple Creek where he takes the place of Supt. Gagnon, who will be stationed at Prince Albert. Insp. Wilson will be moved from Daer Lake and take the place of Capt. Allen, and Insp. D. Howard will take position at the Daer Lake.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co., having completed the survey of the proposed line of railway from the foot of Skeena lake along the Skeena river to a point on the Kootenay river on the line of the Nelson and Robson railway, will, in all probability, begin on the construction of the road early in the spring. When completed this will prove to be a valuable outlet to that section of the province, which is known to be immensely rich in its mineral deposits.

It is not surprising to learn that Mr. "Barney" Barnato is turning his attention to gold mining in British Columbia. The Transvaal lower grade mines are becoming less profitable as a result of excessive taxation levied there, according to the London "Standard" fallen value in 1900 £127,663 141 in 1894 to £78,766 480 in 1898, a decline of 41 per cent, and even in 1899 £78,766 480 the statistic declares that the year's dividends will not reach £2,000,000 or 21 per cent. Hence doubtless the South African millionaire's resolve to turn his attention to the opportunities of British Columbia.

The American four masted schooner "Barney," is the latest addition to the long line of ships which have won for the rugged shores of the west coast of Vancouver a well deserved reputation. The vessel is a complete wreck near the spot where some eleven months ago the ship "Lillian" went ashore. Happily the latest schooner is unattended with crew of five men, after spending some hours on the wreck, with the waves boiling over them, receiving assistance from two Indians and succeeded in getting her ashore.

GRAZED BY RELIGION.

Religious Maniacs Nearly Commit a Murder.

A most extraordinary case of religious mania is reported from a farm house near the Lake of the Woods. There, for a number of years resided Elijah Rice, his wife and five children. The eldest son, Louis, 22 years of age, recently became religiously insane, and announced himself as the Prince of the Sand Hills, and declared that Christ had commissioned him to reform the world. The mania extended to the father, mother and elder portion of the family who neglected the farm and spent their time

singing and praying. Recently the father conceived the idea that Louis was possessed by the devil, and that it must be got out of him. Taking the young man unaware, the father knocked him down with the leg of a chair, and he and Mrs. Rice and two of the sons pounded him into insensibility. When this end was accomplished they were satisfied that the devil was driven out. Their next move was to celebrate the feast of the Passover and one of the little children was to be sacrificed as the pascal lamb. One of the sons, a mere boy, told this to the Rev. Mr. Curtis, who informed two doctors. On visiting the farm they saw Rice and his son Louis, suffering from intense mania, and had them at once removed to the Kingston insane asylum. The doctors think that the other members will recover.

THE NEW MUNICIPALITIES.

Wards of Whitewater, Cameron and Riverside.

The newly created municipalities of Cameron, Whitewater and Riverside, have by the lieutenant-governor-in-council, been divided into wards as follows:

The municipality of Cameron—Ward 1 to consist of township 5 in range 22 and 53 west, ward 2 to consist of townships 5 in range 24 and 25 west; ward 3 to consist of townships 6 in range 24 and 25 west; ward 4 to consist of township 6 in range 22 and 23 west.

The municipality of Whitewater—Ward 1 to consist of township 5 in range 19 west and east half of township 5 in range 20 west; ward 2 to consist of township 6 in range 19 west and the east half of township 6 in range 20 west; ward 3 to consist of township 5 in range 21 west and the west half of township 5 in range 20 west; ward 4 to consist of township 6 in range 21 west and the west half of township 6 in range 20 west.

The municipality of Riverside—Ward No. 1 to consist of townships 4, range 16 west, and all that portion of township 4, range 16 west, lying south and west of Pollock lake. Ward 2, of township 4 and the south half of township 5, in range 18 west. Ward 3, of township 6 and the north half of township 5 in range 18 west. Ward 4, of townships 5 and 6, range 17 west, and all the portion of township 5, in range 16 west, lying south and west of Pollock lake.

Owing to the addition of St. Francois Xavier territory to the municipality of Macdonald, the latter municipality has been redivided into wards as follows: Ward No. 1 to consist of townships 7 in range 1 and 2 east, the south half of township 8 in range 2 east, the south of township 8 in range 3 east, lying west of the Red River. Ward No. 2 to consist of the north half of township 9 in range 1 east, and all of fractional townships 9, range 2 east, and the north half of township 8 in range 2 east, lying west of the Red River. Ward No. 3, township 8 and the south half of township 9 in range 1 east. Ward No. 4, the most easterly four tiers of sections in townships 7, 8 and 9, in range 1 west. Ward No. 5, the most westerly two tiers of sections in townships 7, 8 and 9, in range 1 west, and the most easterly two tiers of sections in townships 7, 8 and 9, in range 2 west. Ward No. 6, the most westerly four tiers of sections in townships 7, 8 and 9, in range 2 west.

The reeves in the foregoing municipalities will be elected by the whole municipality in each case, and one councillor will be elected in each ward. In the municipality of Cameron the last revised voters' list of Winchester, applicable to the limits of the new municipality, will be the list used at the election.

In the municipality of Whitewater the Morton lists, applicable as above mentioned in the municipality of Riverside, the Turtle Mountain lists, applicable as above mentioned. The municipality of Macdonald the last revised list of that municipality, and the municipality of St. Francois Xavier, applicable as above mentioned.

Nominations of candidates will take place on Tuesday the 1st day of December next, and polling on Tuesday, the 15th day of December next.

THE SULTAN'S TROUBLES.

Two Young Armenian Women Escape From His Harem—Safe at an Embassy.

The Sultan of Turkey has had an annoying domestic upset to add to his troubles. It has been rumored for weeks past that something serious had occurred in his majesty's harem, for Chief, the Enrich, had frequent audiences with the sultan, and Izzet Bey was known to have been holding a secret inquiry into the examination of a large number of harem officials. It is now learned, and what seems to be reliable authority on that point, that the trouble had its origin in an external Armenian difficulty. The sultan had in his harem three young Armenian women, and when the news of the last massacre in the streets of the capital penetrated the harem the Turkish and Circassian women maltreated the Armenians so brutally that they resolved upon the desperate expedient of fleeing from the harem. An escape of that sort is virtually unprecedented, but the young women managed to get out and not a trace has been found of them. Two old harem slaves, both Armenians, confessed under torture, to aiding the fugitives, but were unable to say where they took refuge. The slaves were quickly killed, and the same fate undoubtedly awaits the fugitives if captured. An impression prevails in Constantinople that they found an asylum in one of the embassies, and the sultan is satisfied himself that this is the only possible explanation of the failure of his agents to find them.

Grand Meteoric Display.

On a recent Sunday morning at Fessen-den, Ind., it seemed as though the heavens were all aglow with phosphorescent light. Upon a close examination there seemed to be millions of shooting stars. Owing to the hour, about two in the morning, but few witnessed this grand display. On the farm of James Every, just east of town, a meteor embedded itself over eight feet in the earth. Those who were awake say they felt a tremendous trembling of the earth. Mr. Every was badly frightened and almost overcome by the shock and sulphurous smoke. The deep sound of the succeeding explosion almost covered the deepest depression made by the great meteor, but it is yet plainly discernable. It will be dug out as soon as the weather will permit.

She—Do you suppose his wife really supports him? He—I judge so. He told me he did not know what real happiness meant until after he got married,

COMMISSIONERS AT WORK.

The Alteration of the Tariff Duties and How it Will Effect Manufacturers.

The ministerial tariff commissioners in session at Toronto, have commenced work. Sir Richard Cartwright, Sir Oliver Mowat, Hon. Messrs. Fielding and Paterson, representing the government. It was decided that the question of admission of the press be left to individual deputations and most of the important deputations through the day consented to the admission of reporters. Wm. Cobie representing E. W. Gillette and company's Yeast Cake and Baking Powder factory, said the firm would go out of business if the tariff were reduced to say twenty per cent. He had started the factory in 1899, when the tariff was increased from 20 to nearly 100 per cent. A. E. Kemp, president of the Canadian Manufacturers' association discussed sheet metal, tin, copper and enameled ware with reference to the latter, German goods would replace Canadian but for the tariff. The most interesting deputation was perhaps that representing the bicycle manufacturers. These gentlemen argued that a small increase or decrease of duty on bicycles would have little effect on their importation, as only surplus stock was imported. Representatives of whitewear, collars, cuffs, shirts, etc., pointed out to the ministers a statement in a Troy, N. Y., paper to the effect that the management of a big manufacturing concern there was waiting on the prospective reduction of the tariff here to take possession of and flood the Canadian markets with their goods.

At the afternoon session of the tariff commission the dry goods men protested against unfair appraisement of goods imported with reference to the latter, some of the smaller custom houses where the appraisers were inefficient, and undervalued imports to the serious disadvantage of importers at the larger custom houses, where proper valuations are made. They recommended ad valorem duties instead of specific, all through their line of imports. They showed differences of opinion on the question of Canadian manufactures, but on the whole would like to see lower duties if not crippling duties on industries. But they particularly asked for fewer customs houses and more efficient officers.

The cracker men had the same kind of complaint to make and also recommended an all round duty of 30 per cent. on their imports and no reduction or increase of the present tariff other than necessary to accomplish this.

The vinegar manufacturers asked that the law be enforced to prevent being put on the market vinegar manufactured improperly, and containing a large portion of acetic acid.

Representatives of the Typographical union asked for increased duty on newspaper and stereotype plates, also an increase of the present duty of six cents per pound on books. They referred to the Presbyterian hymn books being printed at Oxford, England, and urged that if a tariff existed it should protect Canadian workmen.

A PRACTICAL PLAN.

The Powers Considering a Scheme for the Government of Turkey.

The London Daily News states that the powers are considering a scheme for financial control, and the placing of the administration of Turkey in the hands of a responsible European minister, Edgar Vincent at present treasurer of the Ottoman Bank, becoming the minister of finance, a Russian officer the minister of war, and a Frenchman minister of the interior, the Grand Vizier remaining president of the council of state, subject to the powers' approval. "There is no reason to believe," the Daily News says, "that Germany and Austria will consent to such a scheme, which would maintain the integrity of the Ottoman dominion, but would not necessarily keep the present sultan on the throne. The scheme is believed to provide first for raising a loan of £5,000,000, to be applied to the administration, and the reduction of the army, each velayet to have a European general, responsible to the ministry, who is to collect the taxes, pay salaries, etc., the revision of the civil and military service, the dismissal of the incompetent and ill-reputed officers, the reorganization of the gendarmerie under Turkish and European officers, and equal rights to all religious communities." The Daily News also has a Vienna dispatch which says: "Edgar Vincent spent two days here in negotiations for the proposed loan. He considers that the Turkish success depends upon the three unfilled conditions of remodeling the Turkish debt commission on the plan of the Egyptian commission, with a Russian delegate, and the powers' guarantee of the loan. It is reported that the czar has promised a Russian delegate."

CASTS OF THE ESQUIMAUX.

Artist Albert Oppert, Who Accompanied Peary, Made Plaster Casts.

"I was anxious to make complete studies of these peculiar people, so I not only painted and photographed them, but I also made a number of plaster casts. This was the first time in the history of Arctic work that the attempt was made to exercise the sculptor's art in the Arctic regions. I may say that I was most successful in making plaster casts of the Esquimaux, notwithstanding the low temperature in which he was obliged to work.

"I had to try various parts of the ship before I could find a place where the plaster would not freeze, and at length took up my quarters for this work in the orlop, or lower deck of the steamer.

"In making the casts the mode of operating consisted in first anointing the bodies of the natives with a preparation of petroleum, then in building around the model a wall of clay to the thickness of several inches. Then I placed strings vertically and horizontally upon the figure, allowing them to stick to the flesh, in order to separate and break the mold. I then poured plaster of paris, mixed with water and salt, to hasten hardening, all over the body of the subject, the mixture being 10 or 15 degrees colder than the surrounding atmosphere. I permitted the mixture to remain for four or five minutes, or until hard, and then removed it, after marking it for future joining. These molds were afterwards pared off to get rid of the superfluous portions, and laid away in and around the engine room to become thoroughly evaporated.

"In making the cast of the face two goose quills were inserted in the nostrils of the subject. Then the face was lubri-

cated and the eyes were closed, and tissue paper placed over them. The subject was placed full length on the deck, and a wall of clay was built all around the face to prevent the plaster of paris from running all over. I then poured the plaster over the face with one hand, while with the other I held the quills in an inclined position to permit of free breathing. When the mold hardened it was immediately removed and trimmed as the other molds had been. Measurements of the features and members of the body were also taken. "The Esquimaux subjects underwent these various operations very patiently and without a murmur, they even allowed themselves to be washed with soap and water, an experience as novel to us as becoming subjects for plaster casts. For though the Esquimaux possess many virtues, cleanliness is not next to Godliness from their point of view. Notwithstanding the difficulties I succeeded in making twelve barrels full of molds, which I have brought back with me, so that I have reason to feel satisfied with my work."—New York Herald.

THE BRAINY BELL BOY.

Some Experience With the One Who Calls Sleepers for the Early Train.

Every traveling man has had his experience with the intelligent bell boy who "calls" for the early train.

"I was pounding my car pretty lively one night in a Texarkana hotel," said a Texas man, "when a big thumping on my door brought me up sitting in bed.

"What is it?" I asked.

"Boss," said the darker, "is you do man what wants to go on the 2 o'clock train to Big Sandy?"

"I had let no 'call,' and I made that darker understand so in a few short words. He knocked the next door, and I heard him ask again—

"Boss, is you do man what wants to go on the 2 o'clock train to Big Sandy?"

"The answer was terrific. The darker was again awed. For about five minutes he was still, as if absorbed in thought. Then I heard him say to himself in an argumentative tone—

"Dar's some 'un in dis hall who wants to go on de 2 o'clock train to Big Sandy. I dun forget de number."

"He went down the line repeating the performance at seven doors, before he reached the man who wanted to go 'on de 2 o'clock train to Big Sandy.'"

An Illinois man thought he could parallel this evidence of sagacity. He said—

"I stopped one night at the hotel at Shawneetown, and left a 'sure call' for the boat which was expected along about 4 A. M. I went to bed and slept peacefully until the racket at the door aroused me.

"All right," I said.

"Mr. Jones," Mr. Jones sang out the Paddyish boat! Well, dey ain't no use of you gettin' up. De boat's done gone, sah!"—Rochester Times.

BRYAN'S MOVEMENTS.

Will Go on a Lecturing Tour and Will Also Write a Book.

According to the statement of Allen Comstock, of New York, Bryan has entered into a contract to deliver a series of non-partisan lectures under the management of himself and V. E. McBea, of Norfolk, Va., beginning at Atlanta, Ga. The monetary consideration is unknown, but it is said to be a thousand dollars for each lecture.

Bryan is preparing to publish a book about the first of next year, which will treat the silver question, emphasizing its importance as the issue of 1900. Bryan has authorized the publisher to announce that one-half of the royalties received from the sale of the book will be devoted to advancing the cause of bimetalism during the next four years. The work will also express Bryan's views on the recent campaign, his biography, by Mrs. Bryan, with special contributions of distinguished political leaders. A description of the Bryan campaign tours will also be a feature.

Refused to Dismiss Her Pupils.

Much interest is manifested in Constantinople in the case of Miss Sumner, who collected fifty or sixty children for the purpose of giving them shelter and instruction. The school she established was supported by funds contributed by Germans. Miss Sumner's venture coming to the notice of the government the authorities endeavored to compel her to cease teaching the children. With this object the police have been calling at the school every day, trying to make her disperse her pupils but she steadily refused to do so. The attention of the authorities has been directed to reports that the Turkish authorities are torturing suspected persons for the purpose of compelling them to disclose their knowledge of the revolutionary movement.

Took a Swim in Beer.

It was a queer accident which befell Roberts, Chief Engineer of the Stein brewery, of Louisville. At 6 o'clock, after the machinery had stopped, Roberts climbed upon a large beer vat for the purpose of putting a new rim around the vat. He placed his foot upon the edge of the vat and began working. His foot slipped and he fell over into seven feet of beer, which was ready to run out into the kegs.

The cask is fifteen feet deep and the beer was over Roberts' head. He began crying for help, but no one heard him. He was unable to let down for fear of drowning. He was forced to swim around the vat for almost five minutes before assistance arrived, when several workmen fished him out with hooks.

The Mills Again Started.

Miss Covill, daughter of the treasurer of Tremont and Suffolk mills, by a turn of the wheel in the new Wheel Horse corporation opened the flood gates of the canal and set in motion machinery that will give employment to 1,000 hands. The mills were purchased recently from the Lawrence Manufacturing company. The entire plant of the Tremont and Suffolk company is a large cotton manufacturing concern in Lowell, employing 3,000 hands.

An International Monte Carlo. A special to the Denver Republican from Santa Fe, says: "It has been stated here by prominent sporting men from El Paso that Dan Stuart and a powerful syndicate have at last succeeded in securing from the Mexican government a concession which will permit them to establish at Juarez a great international Monte Carlo."

THE NEWS IN GENERAL.

The Incidents of the World Around us Briefly Portrayed.

Available wheat supplies have increased \$83,000 bushels.

The Ferris wheel has gone into the hands of a receiver.

The Pacific cable commission is in session at London, Eng.

Business in the United States has shown wonderful progress during the past week.

A bull and bear stampede at Fimras Spain, resulted in a panic in which many were injured.

A plot to assassinate the Czar during his recent visit to England, has just come to light.

Mrs. Scott Siddons, the famous actress and elocutionist, died at Paris, France, a few days ago.

A boundary commission will be appointed to determine the dividing line between Minnesota and Western Canada.

W. J. Bryan, the defeated Democratic candidate for president of the United States, has already begun the campaign of 1900.

The question of the annexation of Hawaii to the United States is likely to be revived on account of McKinley's election.

Sir Herbert Kitchener and other officers of the Nile expedition have been decorated by the order of Knight Commander of the Bath.

Princess Elvira, Don Carlos' third daughter, has eloped with a Roman artist named Filchi, a married man. She was born in Geneva.

Rev. Hall, of St. Paul, Minn., on trial there for attempted wife poisoning, has confessed to the crime and been sentenced to six years' imprisonment.

Daniel Ryan, of Buffalo, clerk, 35 years old, had one of his upper molars pulled recently, and now is dying. He has had incessant hemorrhage ever since the loss of the tooth.

Dissatisfied with the presiding elder, members of the Methodist church of Langford, S. D., left that denomination in a body, and have organized a Presbyterian church.

It is rumored that Li Hung Chang will retire from public life, being disgusted with the treatment he received at the hands of the emperor, on his return from his world's tour.

The British authorities are likely to be drawn into a diplomatic controversy with Spain, over the question of filibustering. Several expeditions are said to have left Halifax and Jamaica.

Passengers on the Southern Railway train which recently tried to go through Winnibere, S. C., were detained three hours because the local authorities attached the train for debt. They chained the engine to the rails. It was only after much legal procedure that the train was allowed to go on.

SUBSTITUTE FOR GLASS.

New Translucent Fibre for Use as Skylights and Vault Covers.

The translucent fabric recently brought out by a New England firm to take the place of glass skylights has, after a continuous experimental service of seven years, been pronounced to be in as good condition as when first put in place. The material has many advantages claimed for it, chief of which is that by its employment in train sheds, freight houses and similar buildings having large areas of light weight of the material permits of a simple, inexpensive and light form of skylight construction. The joints are made water-tight by a special form of construction employed with this material. The fabric is said to have marked advantage over glass in being practically unbreakable, and for this reason leaks on account of breakage or cracking are not experienced. The translucent fabric consists of a transparent material spread over steel wire cloth, with twelve meshes per inch, which gives the panels a flexible and elastic property, permitting adjustment to any shape that the roof structure may take, owing to the expansion of the framework. The manufacturers state that the skylights mentioned as having been in use for over seven years have never leaked during that time, nor have they cost anything for repairs. Several large industrial establishments have been fitted up with this material, among others the General Electric Co.'s new shops at Schenectady, N. Y., and the new forge shops of the Berlin Iron Bridge Co. of Connecticut. The fabric is strong and in panels 18x36 inches in size, has carried a weight of over 400 pounds per square foot. The amount of light transmitted is equal to that of ribbed glass one quarter of an inch in thickness. The material will not burn unless set fire to at the edges, when it will burn very slowly. Brands of coal dropped upon it will not set fire to it. Its cost is much less—20 to 30 per cent.—than that of ordinary glass skylights.

A BOOM IN SHIPPING.

The San Francisco Harbor Crowded With Vessels. Not since the days of '49 has San Francisco harbor been so crowded with ships as it is at present. All classes of vessels are anchored in the bay, and seven out of every ten are seeking a charter. Many of the sailing ships are in ballast, and a few have brought coal from Australia for a nominal sum, in order to clear expenses. All the captains are excited over the advance in wheat, and some of the late arrivals are holding out for a 35 shilling rate to the United Kingdom. The disengaged tonnage in port at present exceeds 70,000 tons, while on the same date last year it was only 27,944. The chartered tonnage aggregates 103,392, as against 92,415 on this date in 1899.

BROKEN UP AT LAST.

A Daring Band of Robbers Captured and now in Jail.

Chief of Police Lepinsky, of Hastings, Neb., returned from Hanover, Kansas, where he traced the Davenport National bank robbers, and succeeded in unearthing an organized gang of the boldest kind of robbers which has been operating through this part of the state for the last six months. The robbers den was what is called a "Hole in the Wall," and was run by one of the gang who disposed of

stolen goods. In searching the cellar, the officer dug up \$50,000 dollars in silver, and plenty of gold watches and jewelry, besides a large roll of scraps and several dynamite bombs. The robbers when searched had upon their persons \$1,300 in currency, several large revolvers and several large stilettoes. Two robbers were captured while asleep in their room and a third one, being proprietor of the dive, was captured while on duty. The three robbers were taken to Washington to await trial. Special police are busy scouring the state for the other members of the gang.

A LARGE DEAL.

Barney Barnato. Purchases Options on the Lake of the Woods Gold Mines.

Probably the biggest mining transactions Canada has yet seen is understood to have been concluded within the last few days by the representatives of the famous Barney Barnato, of Johannesburg fame, to secure control of practically all the mining properties in the Lake of the Woods and Rainy River districts, and within the next thirty days will have paid for options on properties valued at a quarter of a million dollars, 10 per cent of that amount. The options extend over a sufficient period of time to enable them to do developing work next spring. The options are about forty in number, and the properties are at Handley Bay, Shoal Lake, Big Lake, Upper Manitowish, Little Manitowish and other points.

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD.

TIME TABLE—Taking effect on Sunday May 3, 1896.

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1 45p	3 04p	Portage June.	11 47p	5 07p	
1 52p	3 20p	St. Norbert	11 44p	4 47p	
2 00p	3 36p	St. Cloud	11 41p	4 30p	
2 10p	3 51p	St. Agathe	11 38p	4 04p	
2 20p	4 06p	St. Cloud Point	11 35p	3 50p	
2 30p	4 21p	Silver Plains	11 32p	3 36p	
2 40p	4 36p	Morris	11 29p	3 20p	
2 50p	4 51p	St. Jean	11 26p	3 04p	
3 00p	5 06p	Lethbridge	11 23p	2 48p	
3 10p	5 21p	Emerson	11 20p	2 32p	
3 20p	5 36p	Pembina	11 17p	2 16p	
3 30p	5 51p	Grand Forks	11 14p	2 00p	
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4 10p	6 51p	St. Paul	11 02p		
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